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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 09/939,860

Atty. Docket: COOK 3.2

Filed: 08/27/01

Title: Biodegradable Plant Shell

Applicant: Cook, Lynnwood C.

Group: 3643

Examiner: Griles, Bethany L.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

A response in the application identified above is enclosed.

Request for Extension of Time

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

Fee	Small Entity Fee		
One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	
Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	<u>\$510</u>	<u>\$510</u>
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$
Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 22-0257.

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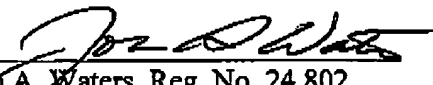
Please charge the extension fee and any other fees required in connection with this amendment or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 22-0257.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the attached Response B are being transmitted to the UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE by facsimile directed to the attention of Examiner Bethany L. Griles at facsimile number 703-872-9306 on September 30, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnwood C. Cook

Dated: 9/30/05

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RESPONSE C

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2005, please amend the claims in the present application in the manner set forth in the attached claim amendments.